GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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STARRED QUESTION NO:311
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CARGO HANDLING
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether cargo handling at major ports is likely to go up from the existing 288 millions tonnes per year to about 415 million tonnes in 2006-07;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government propose to handle such a growth;

(c) the ports which require more attention in this regard; and

(d) the details of a comprehensive plan to tackle such requirements to streamline port management in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 311 FOR ANSWER ON 11.12. ASKED BY PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU REGARDING CARGO HANDLING.

(a) to (d) The Working Group for Port Sector for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) has projected an aggregate traffic of 415 Million Tonnes (MT) for major ports during the terminal year of the Tenth Plan i.e. 2006-2007 as compared to 287.59 MT during 2001-02. The Port-wise information is as under:-

In MillionTonnes

Sl. No	Name of the Port	Trafiic handled in 2001-02	Projected traffic in 2006-07
1	Kolkata	30.40	54.80
2	Mumbai	26.43	30.40
3	JLNehru	22.52	34.50
4	Chennai	36.12	40.00
5	Cochin	12.06	17.20
6	Vizag	44.34	60.00
7	Kandla	37.73	51.00
8	Mormugao	22.93	26.30
9	Paradip	21.13	28.90
10	New Mangalore	17.51	32.70
11	Tuticorin	13.02	18.70
12	Ennore	3.40	20.50
	Total	287.59	415.00

To cope with the increasing traffic during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, it is proposed to enhance capacity and improve productivity with focus on measures aimed at modernization, rendering cost effective services, enhancement of service quality etc. This is planned to be achieved through upgradation/conversion of existing conventional berths to suit emerging requirements; construction of new berths; upgradation of cargo handling equipment and maintenance procedures; redesigning and upgradation of internal road network and circulation systems where required; upgradation of storage facilities and other port infrastructure coupled with commercial accounting practices, improved equipment and labour productivity, optimization of work force, training, optimal use of information technology etc.

Maintenance procedures are proposed to be streamlined and modernized through Total Productivity Management (TPM) for which a seminar is scheduled to be held jointly with Confederation of Indian Industry.

It has also been decided to develop a hub port each on the East and West coasts of the country, at Chennai and Jawaharlal Nehru Ports respectively and to develop an international container transshipment terminal at Vallarpadam, Cochin so as to tap the increasing potential for container traffic.

By the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan period in March, 2007, the aggregate capacity for handling cargo in the major ports is expected to go upto 470.60 MT.